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# Home News Away from Home

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### The Beauty of Conscience.

a task that shall call forth all his powers; gardless. shall test him to the marrow.

credit our consciences for holding us, it, anyway. more or less firmly, in the paths of duty and virtue. Most of us are rebels at heart against the conventions, and fain would sail at times upon the sea of our might say about it we should throw of statement that "Maine wants 10,000 girls the shackles of duty and forget our obless of the cost. But all the while there those paid in factories or offices. is that one thing, within ourselves, that holds us to the line-conscience.

"Conscience is harder than our enemies, Knows more, accuses with more nicety"-

"There is no future pang

Can deal that justice on the self-condemned He deals on his own soul."

It was Joseph Cook who wrote:

ocean, and that is the conscience. There stores as clerks or in factories as emthat is the interior of the soul. To write the poem of human conscience were the epos. It is no more possible to prevent the sea from returning to the shore."

What health is to the human body, a guards us and wards us back from the addition secures a good home, good food, worst part of our own natures as to make and, often, some of her clothes. But the life serene; and a tender conscience does trouble is that the latter girl is a servant, much to protect us against the calamities and the sting of the name seems to overand afflictions that lie in wait to beset us. balance all the advantages of place. Oftentimes the individual, galled by But if they only knew it, the girls who what seem to be the chains of the conven- are seeking employment would, most of tions, longs to break them; to get away; them, be much better off in domestic to follow blindly, and regardless of the service than elsewhere. The servant's pocost, the call of the desires; to drop the sition, too, has greatly improved in recent inviting it for quite a while. humdrum work of every day, and to sail years, and domestic service is coming to off on the sea of pleasure and self-grati- be something of a science. Yet girls will fication, reckless, audacious, and careless. not fit themselves for it, though by so In truth, it is not altogether fear of the doing they could command higher wages consequences that holds us back; it than they get now, and could, by the is conscience, that "still, small voice" quality of service they render, dignify it that is mighty within us for the right: If domestic servants could only be made that insists not only that we mean well, to realize that we are all servants, from but that we shall with all our strength the President of the United States down, strive to attain the best that is possible, that fact would go a long way toward It is the beauty of conscience that it re- the solution of the problem. But perquires us, as Joseph Cook said in one of haps this is too much to expect. The ing fact that if the people have plenty of money his Boston Monday night lectures, not problem comes about through false noonly to follow all the light we have, but tions of dignity, through false pr de; and

spirits. "O conscience, conscience; man's most faithful friend, Him canst thou comfort, ease, relieve, defend; But, if he will thy friendly checks forego,

Thou art, oh, woe for him, his deadliest foe!"-

last lines he ever wrote.

sciences that we come to realize that we Washington and the detachment of those talks short and to the point. must answer for what we are, what we officers from station here and assigndo, what we intend. No sophistry can ment to duty at a distance, promise to From the Louisville Courier Journal. cheat us; no example of the wicked, suc-cessful in high places, can lead us the organization and the destinies of thickcock is to leave the Cabinet soon. What? He cessful in high places, can lead us the organization and the destinies of seemed in good health the last time he had his astray. In the sanctuary of our own some of its officers brought before Con-picture taken for publication. hearts we all know that, largely speak- gress. ing, happiness is won only through good-

As Shakespeare says: would be proud if our faults whipped

porate beauty and love and the finer. There is no one who understands the That dote upon each other, friends to man, Living together under the same roof, And never can be sundered without tears And he that shuts out Love, in turn shall be Shut out from Love, and on her threshold lie Howling in utter darkness. Not for this Was common clay ta'en from the common earth,

Of angels to the perfect shape of man. From "Hoop" to "Hobble."

Molded by God, and tempered with the tears

The man who invented the ancient and all but forgotten hoopskirt passed to his reward a few days ago. He was ninetyone years of age at the time of his passing, and we hope his reward is something pleasant. There is no evidence in .50 cents per month | committed any other crime than the one ...\$6,00 per year primarily recorded herein, so we shall ...\$1.50 per year presume that he repented in sackcloth .. 12.00 per year and ashes, and that at the last he went where the good inventors go.

No attention will be paid to anonymous Tie hoopskirt was not, properly speak-Manuscripts offered for publication will seed. The original idea probably was ception of what is "just" to them. If it returned if unavailable, but stamps commendable enough, and was conceived of an effort to put grace, symmetry, and communications intended for this appeal into woman's garb. The first effects must have been exceedingly grati- nation which would make the late Marine fying, because the suggestion was pushed Corps administration appear as a model so rapidly to a grotesque and unreasona- of obedience. ble extreme. That seems to be the road It is dangerous for Congress to meddle along which so many embryonic good with affairs of service administration. things in feminine fashfons finally-and, generally, very rapidly-travel. It was so with the bustle and the big sleeveworthy sartorial hints originally, we feel years. Oklahoma is showing Nevada how

As woman once upon a time indulged herself in the apparently ultimate foolishsurely extreme silliness of the "hobble" just finished a forty-eight hours' inspecskirt. Inevitably the "hobble" skirt must it presently. be freakish fashlon's concluding word. It is the limit of ugliness, coupled with exclusive attributes of awkwardness. To the hookworm is "a blessing in disguise." to be comfortable in a "hobble" skirt is should select more pleasing styles. to say that which is so palpably false that it could not deceive the most credulous of mortals. To say that a woman vation. possibly may suspect that she wears a "hobble" skirt to the enhancement of her personal appearance is to slur her intelligence in a manner that could not When, inspired by high ideals, men be considered either gentlemanly or galseek to attain lofty aims, it is curious to lant. She knows that she is outlandishly note how often they feel that a burden is garbed when she comes forth bedecked Evidently, the box office has been cutlaid upon them to make the world and with "hobble" skirt attachments. Those ting entirely too much figure in Oberamtheir neighbors good. It is infinitely more women who wear them merely wear them mergau this year, important, we are sure, that a man should because they feel that a fashion, no matmake himself good. In that he will find ter how ridiculous, must be followed, re-

We predict that the "hobble" skirt fad In the great strife for goodness-for will not last long, nevertheless. It may

## The Servant Girl Problem.

The servant girl problem, like the poor, we have always with us, but the subat once." As an induc ment it is pointed

Unfortunately, the problem of securing a sufficient supply of household help is something more than a problem in as George Eliot said. Friend and enemy involved, that of the wages to be earned mon was quite unintentional, presumalike may cease their watchfulness; the is probably the last considered. To a ably. beauty of conscience is that it never great many young women no money sleeps, nor will it let us stray from the compensation is sufficient to make them hard paths of rectitude without giving us bear with equanimity the title of servant. a prod. Conscience is the faithful senti- Of course, it is all wrong, and the supnel keeping us from remorse, guarding posed degradation that comes with houseus from ill, and punishing us if we fail: hold work is simply emotional, imaginary, a political issue soon. but the feeling is so ingrained, so deeprooted, that it will probably be years be-

fore it is eradicated in this country. Year after year girls from the country "There is a spectacle grander than the enter the cities and take positions in is a spectacle grander than the sky, and ployes, or as "salesladles" or some other title that means nothing else than that A great many members have made worse subject of only one man, and he the lowest of men, would be reducing all epic poems into one sublime and final epos. It is no more possible to prevent thought from reverting to an ideal than of it for her board and lodging, and her economic position is not nearly so good as that of a faithful domestic helper who good conscience is to the soul. It so gets quite as large an actual wage and in

to do so with glad hearts and grateful until these are removed by education, it seems likely that the servant girl problem will remain unsolved.

# The Marines and Congress.

The troubles of the Marine Corps, as a wrote Crabbe, and they were almost the result of a naval court of inquiry culminating in the censure of high ranking cover fourteen live subjects. And he will say what It is, indeed, only through our con- officers on duty at the headquarters in he has to say in about as many pages. Mr. Taft

It is understood that the officers who From the Detroit Free Press. ness; sorrow comes to us through evil. are most adversely affected by the disas Shakespeare says:

"The web of our life is of a mingled themselves as unjustly treated, if not look for this some day: "Mr. Taft addressed the yarn, good and ill together; our virtues actually the objects of departmental outthem not out, and our crimes would rage and cruelty, yet it is difficult to find despair if they were not cherished by a logical claim for Congressional intercession. Of course, much can be done by that these must be male. Uncle does not mean to And this remains: That nothing on this personal and political pull and by the be ungallant, but the matter rests on a business earth is surer than the fact that with application of the right sort of pressure basis. The feminine typist is fairer to see than the an unquiet conscience happiness is not upon the executive branch; but the in- man of her kind, but less amenable to disciplin possible. Life, to be bearable, must be vestigation appears to have been as important in points at censure, takes refuge in terms, and at the most inopportune time for the public interests gets good, and in being good we must incor- partial as it was profitably searching. married.

graces to which the touch of sin is fatal, situation by the Marine Corps who will "Beauty, Good, and Knowledge are three sisters doubt for a moment that there was necessity-and urgent necessity, at that-

> for a change. Incidentally, something should be done, now that the government is in a reformatory mood, to regulate official inspec tions, especially in the army and navy. Officers are found journeying to attractive localities at certain seasons of the year, and in some instances the ostensible occasion is so paipably a trivial excuse for a persona! excursion as to be

aside from its expense, a joke, Coming back to the Marine Corps situation, those who now entertain a grievance will probably realize, before Conher husband. "Did you expect them to his own part, nor to apprehend the tedivided for increased traffic by putting on existence tending to show that he ever gress comes together again in December, that there is very little to be said in behalf of the Marine Corps situation to justify Congressional action. It is hardly the occasion for an investigation by Congress, and assuredly the President has gress, and assuredly the President has the record. The Balkans were a passing the record. But. This last volume, it is true deals with a long to the street railway. The floors of German system to the public are extremely great, and I believe they are almost as great to the street railway. The floors of German system to the public are extremely great, and I believe they are almost as great to the street railway. The floors of German system to the public are extremely great, and I believe they are almost as great to the street railway. The floors of German system to the special content of the street railway. The floors of German system to the public are extremely great, and I believe they are almost as great to the street railway. The floors of German system to the public are extremely great, and I believe they are almost as great to the street railway. The floors of German system to the special system to the street railway is the special system. there upon whatever duty he wishes to striking Spain, we made a gain; 'twas special phase of the matter, and is called ing, an invention so much, perhaps, as employ them, regardless of their own deit was the result of an evolution run to sires or preferences, or their own conwere not so, the military-naval personnel would be "running the President," and

The population of Oklahoma has in creased 540 per cent within the past ten a new State really should grow up with the country.

If your soul is athirst for complete ish hue, it may be a lump of ambergris," ness of the hoopskirt, so to-day she seems knowledge of exactly what is what in the tion of the mines, and will tell all about

And now comes a physician, saying that say that a woman possibly may contrive If blessings must come in disguises, they

Texas should refrain from lynching negroes in bunches. That is an Ohlo inno-

Denying the allegation is the fad of the The Village Merchant Always Conmoment, thanks to one Senator Gore, of Oklahoma.

Rose Stahl says the acting in the Ober-

Those Tennesseeans seem to have run "Ham" through the meat grinder, all right.

A Savannah paper thinks some of the the impulse is strong within us all-how be a prediction born of a robust hope Democratic fights down South are so much less often than we should do we that will not be denied, but we venture bitter that they may mean increased Republican Congressional representation from that section in Congress. One can onceive of worse things happening in the South.

The White House has been equipped desires. Often we are inclined to believe ject has recently come prominently to with lightning rods, at last. When Mr. that if it were not for what the world might say about it we should throw off

ligations and convention for a while, giv- out that Maine needs household help, ny Tennessee, who started out pro-Pating ourselves up to sheer pleasure, reck- where the wages offered are better than terson and soon changed to anti-Patterson, seems to have been correct when he recently thought he saw the skies falling.

> economics. Out of many considerations Longworth. The compliment to Mr. Har-Titanic forces," says the Hon. Nicholas

> > A gentleman named Green advocates the accumulation of a fund of \$1,000,000 "for the purpose of preventing a monopoly of the air." Cheer up, however! Con servation of the air is not apt to become

ica"-that is, to be like Washington.

There are twelve members of the present Congress who have not thus far introduced a bill or resolution of any kind.

If it were not for its oft-demonstrated ability to achieve the impossible, we hould say it would be found utterly imitself together in time to save its face in November.

"What is the matter with the corn pone?" inquires the Savannah Press. Nothing whatever, so long as the buttermilk holds out.

It is doubtful whether Col. George Harvey was especially surprised when the Rooseveltian degree of Ananias was conferred however. He has been brazenly

# CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Imperialism and the Ant. a the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

From the Wall Street Journal.

The Philippine ant is to be imported for the extion of the house fly. Is this to be a part of the policy of "imperialism?" A Sign of Prosperity.

Many of the statements made as to the country's is instinguished seem to reduce themselves to the illumination ishment. they will be prosperous

Democratic Landslide Predicted. From the Nashville American. Statistics show that the South has 1,500,000 acres nore in corn this year than last. According to the interest and investigation, old-time stumpers, corn is convertible into the stuff

Is This an Insinuation?

From the Baltimore American. The President's message, it is announced, will

Didn't Know He Was Sick.

Mr. Taft Wants Plain Truth. Mr. Taft wants the reporters to describe his golf

Ungallant Uncle Sam.

# A LITTLE NONSENSE.

MIGHT SAVE TROUBLE. As to my wealth, I shook my head, I feared my heirs could not agree. 'The coin's all right," my lawyer said. "Leave that to me."

The heirs will squabble more or less; Who'll get the coin I can't foretell. Leave that to him? I rather guess

A Fashionable Resort. "I call the ocean rather stupid. The

I might as well.

waves do nothing but dance all day "They have their limitations," growled

Motoring Through Europe.

Rich Richard's Almanac. you have to help.

there we smashed the record.

Never Come Singly. Pleasure bats in manner tame, Runs a base or two and quits

Trouble mostly wins the game; Trouble loves to bunch its hits. Vacation Advice. It is all right to hug a delusion, but

you needn't necessarily get engaged.

On the Beach. "If you see a floating object of green watermelons.'

Easy Shopping. "It is all foolishness to say a wom

can't buy cigars." "What's your method?" no trouble in matching the shade.'

### STORE ETIQUETTE.

siders Demands of Hospitality.

From Youth's Companion.

The showcase was devoted to an asof cigars and tobacco at the other end, and no barrier between. Next to the showcase stood a motor engine valued at

several hundred dollars. Thinking to please the proprietor, the

wants an engine for his boat, and if he about a year. fish are running he can't wait to send 'way to Portland or Boston for it. He wants it when he does, then and there." hem big stores, anyway, Why, when you want.

"Now, I never do anything like that. anything he'll tell me. I never pester a an island off the coast of New England. ed and her taste is perfect. man to buy. Maybe he ain't come to buy; maybe he's come to talk."

# FAVORITE FOOD OF SOUTH.

Many Uses of Okra-Where the Wholesome Herb Is Grown.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat, The famous gumbo, or gombo, of the Southern States and of all Southern coun-A number of cities cherish the ambi- tries, particularly of the Western hemition to be "the city beautiful of Amer- sphere, is really a nickname for okra, or ochro as it is sometimes spelled, for while the dish is composed of several and varying ingredients, okra is the foundation, the body, and likewise furnishes the "frill," the remaining component parts being so blended with it that they lose their individuality in its all pervading mucilaginous beginning and end, beguiling and delicious from first to last. The okra is known botanically as the

Hibiscus esculentus, being a near relative ossible for the Republican party to get of the flowering hibiscus, whose brilliant ssoms are so familiar to the old fashioned hollyhock, toothsome marshmallow, and the all conquering cotton.

> in Northern climates. The mucilage of again!" the roots is said to be free from the slightest odor and perfectly white when powdered, superior to even the powder of the marshmallow, and around Constantinople the okra is much cultivated for the root powder as a base of confections. Medicinally the root, made into a docoction, is given to allay irritation and inflammation internally, and parts of the plant made into poultices to apply externally. As food this mucilaginous quality (the gombine) renders the plant of much value. It is so easily digested, so acceptable to all the organs which take

own country make it indeed worthy of of harbors, and the administration of again reorganized by the act of July 28, of treasure seekers from Buffalo towed

# WIND IN THE LEAVES.

The wind that moves among the leaves Is some slim maiden none perceives, Who evermore her magic weaves, And dances; You hear her feet, as soft as thievee'; And then the silken swish of sleeve Fluttered along the forest's eaves,

She leans and whispers in the ear Of every wild flower something dear— How to protect their hearts from fear Of dying; Then takes the thistle's feathery sphere And glimmers it acres the mere, Or on a copweb, trailing clear, Goes flying.

The butterfly, that comes and goes, She tosses on the wildwood rose; And, standing sly on elfin toes, She teases
The calvxed bee that whines; then blows
Into each bud till wide it grows; And swift the musk that in it grows

Then, faery-fair, away she trips, Wild perfume on her wildwood lips, To where, with twinkling finger-tips, Day's daughter.

Dusk, waits her where the silence drips;
There from her gown of light she slips,
And with the star of twilight dips
The water.

—Madison Cawein, in the Outlook

CALIFORNIA ISLANDS

It has been remarked that enthusiasm street railway car. Only once have I and special knowledge are the bases upon seen passengers standing inside a car. which is built the art of conversation. So, too, with literature; and one is sometimes moved to marvel at the distance which these qualities will carry an other- to provide for variations in travel at wise commonplace writer. Mr. Charles different times, and they attach trail against the materialistic trend which Frederick Holder is a case in point. He cars behind the motor cars. In even till recent years dominated medical scihas just published still another volume such small cities as Heldelberg a train ence, a revolt brought about by a more coast of California; and he seem: neither ing an open trail car is regularly run. um on that of the reader. Indeed, the tireless fervor of his devotion is paralleled only by that of the railroad guide-book. We couldn't glance at fleeting France; We are bound to say that the locality and But. This last volume, it is true, deals with a "The Channel Islands of California." The Channel Islands of California."
These Islands abound in ruins and remains of great Interest to the ethnolowhich are designed to accommodate the body, and that mental influence can be An acquaintance is a man who will do gists; they are picturesque in location, you a favor; a friend is a fellow that and for the most part pleasant in climate. Most important of all to Mr. Holder and his fellow-piscatorial enthusiasts, they afford a convenient base of operations street cars; and those who know how sword fish, the shark, and the great sea bass. Anglers, tourists, and all lovers of the open will read his volume with American cities will appreciate what a lies behind these irrational notions depleasure. (Chicago: A. C. McClurg Company.)

### JOHN HOLDEN.

"John Holden, Unionist," by T. C. De Leon, is not a labor novel as one imght uppose from the title, but an entertaindetermined to indulge herself in the determined herself in the determined to indulge herself in the determined herse greenish lumps. They're mostly decayed on line he is loyal to the North, partly because of a fanatical hatred of the war and partly because his son, who had deserted from the Confederate army, loses his life therefor. The story of this old father, with his intense convictions, From Life. hatreds, and sorrows, is pathetic enough, "I take along a sample stump. I have and for relief the author uses a love af-The summer visitor in a small seaport cal background is very clear, as the au- truth about women is impossible for laws caused rioting, some of the ancient town was amazed and amused at the thor was himself familiar with military any man. There is always a chance and honorable militia companies of ammergau "Passion Play" is pretty bad. assortment of merchandise displayed in service and personally acquainted with that, while you are attempting this im- Charleston, with proud records antethe little store at the head of the wharf. President Johnson and other agents of possible trick, you may fall in love with dating the Revolution, resigned rather sortment of candy at one end and a lot is noticeably ornamented with numerous that this might not come to pass. Ugly of the State's executive. It is writ in

### Notes of the Books.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, the auvisitor remarked that even the large de- thors of "The Duke's Price," left repartment stores in Boston could not where Mr. Brown expects to try some that he despises them in general. They dium of that beast popularly known as a "Well," he said, "I ain't aping them stores, I can tell you. I aim to keep what my folks want. When a man of the famous golf links. The autumn are characteriess, unmoral if you will, blind tiger, but that animal is not a shrinking and timid creature. His lair winter in Italy. They will be away for friendship or comradeship which men is wide open, and the strangest of

After a little pause he continued: "I Fortune Hunters," and a host of other the man-they are ugly, from an ana- "protests against the oft-repeated statedon't like the way they do business in widely read novels, begins his latest tomical standpoint. That is about what ment that the city is 'dead.' It is true it story in the August month-end Popular. any man will tell you-in strict confi you go into a store up to Boston the first. It is the narrative of a wealthy man dence. thing you know somebody asks you what imprisoned for another's crime, who, But this man always knows one woman later, is pardoned, and emerging from who is different. This particular woman objects to the stories which tell that its If a man comes into my place I pass the eloped with the man responsible for his is unlimited. Her nursing power is that used to go to England from the ime o' day and ask him to set, and after imprisonment. It is a breezy, colorful marvelous. Her practical judgment is Charleston wharves is now being made "Ohlo is the battle ground this year of he's set and talked a while if he wants story, with most of the scenes laid on inevitable. Her forgiveness is unbound-

> profanity at the battle of Monmouth is his wife. strenuously denied in Marion Harland's autobiography, and upon the best auhority-that of a Revolutionary veteran, From Daily Consular Reports, Stirling Smith by name, who was uncle mighty high-spirited. So he speaks up per cent of the value. as haughty as the Gen'ral had done, and, says he: 'I know of no one who has more of that most damnable virtue From the Kansas City Star,

# STREET CARS IN GERMANY.

Quite Unlike Those of the United States in Comfort and Neatness. ondence of the Engineering News.

In all my street rallway riding in Germany I have not yet seen a crowded of making street railway service flexible, larger and heavier cars, but the Germans have met the same problem by can street cars of a dozen years ago.

The German street cars are clean. They are even cleaner than the Boston high the Boston street railway service compliment this is. Not only are the cars clean, but they are attractive. They are kept well painted and varnished, and they look, in fact, like an American car just out of the shops.

And not only are the cars clean, but the employes are clean. Their uniforms speaking of his native State, said last are immaculate, their brass buttons shin- night: ing story of a peculiar phase of the civil ing, and the men themselves are courteous to a degree that leaves an Ameri-

# THE TRUTH ABOUT WOMAN.

stood by the Average Man. Men are not capable of telling the fair between a Confederate officer and what the truth is, because they are South Carolina is to the Union, so a Southern girl, who goes up to Balti- handicapped by their sex. The few men Charleston is to the State. nore after the war and supplements the who have managed to forget the sex inherent heroism of her nature with the part have gone to the other extreme, Mr. Miller, "have been known to nullify culture of the city. Besides having many and have damned women unduly with successfully State laws, especially those elements of military romance to com- loud curses, as, for example. Shopen- relating to the liquor traffic. When Ben nend it as fiction, the book's histori- hauer and Weininger. To tell the exact Tillman was governor and the new liquor the reconstruction. Mr. De Leon's style the woman. No woman is so homely than aid in enforcing the obnoxious will quotations. (New York: The C. W. Dil- women and old women have been loved the law of South Carolina that intoxicat-

feel for each other. To argue with them strangers may go in and purchase a on any subject would be ridiculous. 'package' of a variety original only with Louis Joseph Vance, who wrote "The They are petty, mean, below man in Nosh. Brass Bowl," "The Black Bag," "The stature, and-between you and me, says

jail finds that the woman he loves has is capable of any sacrifice. Her charity prosperity is all of the past. The cotton

This woman is always the man's moth-The oft-repeated story of Washington's er, often his sweetheart, and sometimes

# World's Sheep Flocks.

Australia leads the world in sheep Marion Harland's grandfather. "He farming, according to the following statedid not swear," the old war horse would ment prepared by Vice Consul Henry D. thunder when irrevelant youngsters re- Baker, of Sydney, showing the number tailed the slander in his hearing. "I was of sheep in the countries leading in this close behind him-and I can tell you, sir, industry: Australia, 87,043,366; Argentina we rode fast-when what should we meet 77,581,100; Russia, 58,510,523; United States unning away lickety-split, from the field 54,631,000; United Kingdom 30,011,833; New of battle, with the British almost at their Zealand, 22,449,953; India 18,023,181; France, at the bottom of the seas, Capt. Ellis J. heels, but Gen'ral Lee and his men. 17,461,370; Spain, 16,119,051; Cape of Good Holland, of San Francisco, Cal., who is Then, with that, says Gen'ral Washing- Hope, 14,848,790; Uruguay, 13,915,796; Italy, at the Riggs, said that the Great Lakes ton, speaking out loud and sharp-says he, 10,877,000; Austria-Hungary, 10,733,707. The of this country had a long list of disas-'Gen'ral Lee! in God's name, what is the estimated capital value of the Australian ters to their credit, disasters that have meaning of this ill-timed prudence?" flocks is \$220,352,000, and the annual gross enriched the sands with cargoes as valu-Now, you see, Gen'ral Lee, he was output of the flocks is estimated at 75 able although less romantic than those

# Still a Useful Animal.

than your excellency.' So, you see, Yesterday's receipts of 221 carloads of young man, it was Gen'ral Lee that hay in Kansas City, twenty-six cars of storms, and have left their cargoes in the In the tropics, okra seeds, matured and swore and not Gen'ral Washington. oats, and sixty-five cars of corn indicate depths to tempt wrecking companies and entirely out of business.

# TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

# The War Department Created August 7.

up, disintegrate, and distribute food department of the government of the flags was an improvement upon the semathrough the system that it may be read- United States, was established by an act phore telegraph, which had been used carried scores of immigrants bound for ily understood why it has become such of Congress on August 7, 1789. The Sec- from 1790 in Europe, and to a slight ex- the newly opened West, and on board a favorite in the tropics, where heaviness retary of War ranks third among the tent in America. The Signal Corps re- was specie to the amount of \$180,000. The is instinctively avoided in form of nour- Cabinet members in the line of succes- ceived a separate and systematic organi- boat caught on fire, and, while many Its simplicity and wholesomeness, strong of all matters relating to military affairs, members served with great efficiency on steamer. 100 went down with the Erie, individuality and claim upon all of cos- subject to the direction of the President; all fields of battle, and even on naval whose blackened hull lay for years in mopolitan tastes, the Orient tropics in the distribution of stores, the Signal vessels. general, the south of Europe, and our Service, the survey and improvement At the close of the civil war it was by sand. Fourteen years later a party the insular possessions.

> and distribution of the military forces, together with a statement of the exservices, river and harbor improvements, the administration of the insular terriduty to the chief signal officer. This led nish the guards with a password for the tories, &c.

The business of the department is distributed among a number of subdivi- Department on July 1, 1891. sions or bureaus, each of which is under aided by an Assistant Secretary.

inson, of Tennessee

in 1860, as chief signal officer. His sys- wife of George IV (1821).

sion to the Presidency. He has charge zation by act of March 3, 1863, and its passengers were saved by a passing

1866, and a school of instruction was es- the hull into shallow water and secured The Secretary of War is required to tablished at Fort Whipple, now Fort a large amount in foreign coin." make an annual report of the conduct Myer, near Washington. By act of Con-of the department, showing the number gress, February 9, 1870, the Secretary of War was authorized to provide for Col. John A. Riker, of Philadelphia, a the taking of meteorological observa- veteran of the civil war, at the National: penditures, of contracts for supplies and tions throughout the country, and for the prediction of storms; he assigned this of the officers whose duty it was to fur-Bureau as a part of the Agricultural man, on guard, not understanding dis-

the supervision of a chief and under the tion law was enacted in 1845. It is the this, on being transferred to another, general supervision of the Chief of Staff. date of the naval battle between the was corrupted to 'Buttermilk.' Soon aft-Since 1890 the Secretary of War has been Trumbull and Iris in 1781; of the second erward the officer who had given the bombardment of Tripoli by the Ameri-The first Secretary of War was Henry can fleet in 1804. On which the commis-Knox, of Massachusetts, selected by sioners from England and the United to halt, and the word was demanded. He President Washington; the other sec- States met at Ghent to arrange a treaty gave 'Potomac. retaries during the Washington admin- of peace in 1814. It is the date of the istration being Timothy Pickering and birthday of Princess Amelia, daughter James McHenry. From the time of the of George III of England (1783); of Joinstitution of the department there have seph Rodman Drake, the poet (1795); Jobeen fifty-four different secretaries, the seph P. Thompson, "The Flery Ameripresent secretary being Jacob M. Dick- can" (1819); Dean Farrar (1831), and of mac' didn't pass in Missouri. the death of Leonidas, the Spartan hero, The Signal Service, which is part of the slain at Thermopyla (480 B. C.); Herod War. Department, dates officially from Agrippa (44 A. D.); Henry VI of Gerthe appointment of Maj. Arthur J. Myer, many (1106), and Caroline of Brunswick.

## AT THE HOTELS.

"We are living in the midst of a great movement which seems destined to exercise a revolutionary influence on human life," said Dr. Ellwood F. Prince, of Chicago, at the New Willard recently, "This movement is here fantastic and The Germans recognize the necessity disgusting, and there again scientific, extravagant, there superstitious and even progressive, and healthy. Speaking sumconsisting of a closed motor car haul- vivid realization of the power of the mind over the body.

"It is this fact," continued Dr. Prince, "which lies at the root of Christian Science, mind cure, faith cure, metaphysical running trains of two or three cars, healing, and many other quasi-philosophman street cars are low, like the Ameri- logical, ought to be kept distinct from the fundamental fact to which they seek which are designed to accommodate the utilized in the scientific treatment of discar builders rather than the convenience ease. While it is true that Christian Science, to take for illustration the most popular of these cults, rests upon a misinterpretation of matter, teaches the unreality of sin and sickness, and repudistands compared with that of most other illusion, yet the valuable truth which serves our recognition, and ought to receive practical application at our hands."

> H. F. Miller, a lawyer, of Charleston, S. C., who was seen at the Raleigh, in

"South Carolina was the first of the thirteen colonies to carry resistance to English power to the extent of forming an independent provincial congress. When the break between the North and South came, South Carolina was the first It Can Neither Be Told Nor Under- State to secede, and it was at Charleston that the first fatal shot was fired at the Union flag. The South Carolinians sometimes make mistakes, but they cannot be

"The people of Charleston," continued by young and old men since the world ing liquors shall be sold from county began. It is impossible to account for 'dispensaries,' but the cheering cup must all of the eccentricities of human pas- not be quaffed on the premises. Purchases must be made in original pack-If a man is questioned about women in ages. In Charleston this statute is nul-

> "Charleston," concluded Mr. Miller, loes not pretend to the high relative importance which it once enjoyed as the second seaport of America, but it rightly tine and other naval stores are not as important as they once were to Charleston's trade, because the resources of the surrounding country have been exhausted and the business has gone farther South, in the territory around Savannah. It has been found cheaper to grow rice in Louisiana and Texas, and the Carolina rice industry has fallen off. The forest of masts once seen in Charleston Harbor is not there, but the tonnage of the larger ships which now ride in that deep harbor shows

an increasing total from year to year." Speaking of treasures sunk and buried borne by the galleons of seventeenth cen-

tury kings. "Ships with valuable burdens of iron, copper, steel, coal, and machinery have gone down in some of the Lakes' terrific depths to tempt wrecking companies and dried, are cooked very much as is barley Don't you ever let me hear that lie that the motor car has not put the horse adventurers in coming years. From 1878 to 1898 alone 6,000 vessels were wrecked on those inland seas, and about 1.100 of these were total losses. In all, it is estimated that wealth to the amount of \$12,-000,000 lies in the Lakes among the tim-

bers of sunken ships. "Unlike the treasures sunk on the Spanish traders," continued the veteran seafaring man, "much of this Lake wealth is perishable, for on the old ships it was chiefly silver and gold, precious stones, and pearls. But much is still unharmed and will amply repay whoever lifts it to light again. In 1841, on Lake The War Department, as an executive | tem of military signals by means of | Erie, the ship Erie was sunk when only thirty-three miles out from Buffalo. She seventy feet of water, almost covered

> The following anecdote was told by "In the Army of the Cumberland one up to the establishment of the Weather night gave the word 'Potomac.' A Gertinctly the difference between 'b's' and On August 7 the first Maine prohibi- 'p's,' understood it to be 'Botomac,' and word wished to return through the lines. and, approaching a sentinel, was ordered

> > "'Nicht right. You don't pass mit me." "But this is the word, and I will pass." "'No; you stan',' at the same time placing a bayonet at his breast in a manner that told Mr. Officer that 'Poto-

" 'What is the word, then?'

"'Well, then, "Buttermilk."

" "Buttermilk." "'Dat is right. Now you pass mit

yourself all about your pizness."